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1. In July 1950, 12 railroad steam locomotives were delivered to Bulgaria by Czechoslovakia.
2. The Sofia-Karlovo line has not been widened to the Russian gauge. The line runs from Sofia to Zlatitza, and from Klisura eastward to Stalin (Varna).
3. The line from Zlatitza to Klisura is not in operation at present because a tunnel seven kilometers long is being constructed through the mountains three kilometers west of Klisura.
4. The foundation for the railroad station of Marikostenovo has been completed.
5. The road being built between Lefka and Studena is nearing completion.
6. Bulgarian soldiers who were released from service in 1949 worked for two months on road building and repair.
7. The road between Ivailovgrad and Krumovgrad is being repaired. The project was begun in late August 1950.
8. Domestic airline traffic is under the control of the Soviet-Bulgarian organization known as TAPSO which has at its disposition about 20 Junker* 52's and American (Douglas) type two motor transports.

Comment: It is believed that 20 is an extremely high figure, but it is, of course, possible the number has been recently augmented.

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